GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1890
ANSWERED ON:09.03.2001
WITHDRAWAL OF TARIFF CONCESSION BY USA
RAM JEEVAN SINGH;VINAY KUMAR SORAKE

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the U.S.Government has threatened to withdraw tariff concessions on certain categories of Indian exports to U.S.A as reported in the Hindustan Times of February 9, 2001; (

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and (

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) to (c) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1890 FOR ANSWER ON 9.3.2001, REGARDING WITHDRAWAL OF TARIFF CONCESSION BY USA:-

(a) to (c) : USTR through Federal Register Notice dated 19.1.2001 has invited public comments on modification of duty free treatment for certain products imported from India (303 product lines at the 8 digit level). Embassy of India in Washington has filed Government`s submission on 9.2.2001 and representations have also been made by US and Indian companies and organizations. The major seven key categories of these products are mentioned as below:

S.NO	HTS NO	DESCRIPTION OF THE PRODUCT
1	2008	Fruit, Nuts etc. prepared / preserved nesoi
2	2511	Natural Barium Sulphate or Barium Carbonate
3	390739173926	Polyethers, Expoxides Polyesters, Primary Forms Tubes, Pipes , Hoses their fittings of PlasticArticles of Plastic
4	41044203	Bovine or Equine LeatherArticles of Apparel and Accessories, Leather & Comp. Leather
5	7113	Articles of Jewellery and Parts of Precious Metals or Clad
6	7307730873187320732373257326760676097615 7616	Tube or Pipe Fittings of Iron or SteelStructures &Parts thereof of Iron or SteelScrews, Bolts, Nuts, Washers etc. or Iron or SteelSprings &Leavers for Springs, Iron or SteelHousehold Articles &Parts or Iron or Steel or wool

of Iron or SteelCast Articles of Iron & SteelArticles of Iron & SteelAluminium Plates, Sheets & Strips over .2mm ThickAluminium Tube or Pipe Fittings Household Article etc. of Aluminium Articles of Aluminium

7 820584838708 Handtools, Blow Torches, Anvils etc. Transmission Shafts, Bearings, Gears etc. / partsParts & Accessory for Motor Vehicles.